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Mount Rogers National Recreation Area Announces East End Trails Workshop

(May 27, 2015) Marion, VA – The USDA Forest Service is hosting a workshop to improve the trail system located on the east end of the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area (NRA) in Smyth, Grayson, Wythe and Carroll counties, Virginia. The workshop is May 30, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Wytheville Community College, Galax Hall, rooms 201 & 202.

“This first trails workshop will focus on sharing information—both from the Forest Service and from the public,” said Area Ranger Beth Merz. “Initially, we will provide an overview of the Forest Service process for developing, analyzing and making decisions for projects like this trail system, and also will discuss the required federal trail standards. However, most of the workshop will focus on potential new routes, public access points, maintenance needs, or other improvements people suggest.”

“We’ll be using information gathered at this workshop to plan the first field trip to look at some of the suggestions for improvements,” said Ranger Merz. “We hope this first workshop will be informative and fun!”

The East End project area includes lands within Mount Rogers NRA that extend from State Route 16 in Smyth and Grayson Counties, east to the New River. NRA lands in portions of Wythe and Carroll Counties are also included.

More information, including the workshop agenda and directions to Wytheville Community College, can be found on the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests website: www.fs.usda.gov/gwj or by calling the Mount Rogers National Recreation Area at (276) 783-5196.

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